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Mr. James J. Rowley, Director
U. S. Secret Service
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rowley,

As I wrote you at planned, I was asked to review the Oswald film you gave or loaned the National Archives pursuant to my letter of December 9. Because this film is so much clearer than any other copies I have seen or than the copy of the sliced version of all frame sequences permitted me by HSCA, I do hope you will arrange to have it available for others who may wish to examine it. And I thank you for this partial compliance with my request.

The FBI report I cited to you also refers to certain still pictures made available to the Secret Service at that time. This is confirmed by the DSU photographer, who still recalls this. As I have written you earlier, only some of these still pictures are in the Warren Commission files at the Archives. They should all be there, available to everyone.

Because response to my letter took almost two months, may I ask that, prior to having these stills or copies of them transferred, you permit me to examine them in your offices? This will take but a few moments. If I want any copies and if you or the Archives should then require written permission from HSCA, I would have time to get this mail transfer in being accomplished. I plan no publication of any of these pictures. If I did, the HSCA permission to me would require their written assent, in any event. Their permission, the conditions under which they supplied a copy of what remains in their files, is for study only and that is my only present purpose.

The identification of the 40-seconds of film you supplied goes into my chief interest. It says, specifically, that there were two men helping Oswald. To the best of my knowledge, the subsequent FBI investigation disclosed the name of but a single one. If the Secret Service, which, I regret, was inhibited in its New Orleans work almost immediately, cast any light on this, I would welcome it. At the same time, - have done my own investigating, have spoken to those your men were precluded from interviewing (I select this word with care), and, if your have continuing interest, will be happy to let you know what I have learned and the confirmation I have developed. Two of these interviews are tape recorded, with the permission of those interviewed. If you are interested, you may hear and/or copy this tape, with the sole restriction preservation of my rights and confidence. I have in my files proof this was once an area of great interest to you.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg